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ELECTION OF SPECIES

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Election of Species requirement dated February 20, 2009, Applicant selects the species of Group I, an absorption control layer that has peripheral portions that dissolve whenever body fluid is excreted, and upon which the claims 11 and 12 directly read. In addition, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims 1 through 10 and 16 are generic. Therefore, Applicant selects the claims 1 through 12 and 16 which read upon the species of Group I.

Applicant makes this Election of Species with the expressed intent of not abandoning his invention contained in the other claims and figures. In addition, Applicant respectfully reserves the right to take whatever other action is necessary to preserve his invention contained in the other claims and species.

Applicant further respectfully and retroactively requests a one (1) month extension of time to respond to the Election of Species requirement and respectfully requests that the extension fee in the amount of \$130.00 be charged to QUINN EMANUEL DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 50-4367.

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Please charge any additional costs incurred by or in order to implement this Election of Species or required by any additional requests for extensions of time to QUINN EMANUEL DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 50-4367.

Respectfully submitted,

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